

FUMC ESL 1-22-2018 Advanced Lesson

TOEFL Practice-Read these paragraphs. Answer the questions. In some cases you might need to use a dictionary to look up the meaning. Then, orally summarize the paragraph.



The Pueblo Indians are those who dwell in pueblos, a name derived from the Spanish word for village. The pueblo is usually built against the face of a cliff and generally consists of connected houses rising in a series of receding terraces. The roof of one house is the yard or patio of the next house. The kiva, where pueblo Indians hold their secret ceremonies, is entered by an opening in the roof.

1. What is a synonym for “dwell”?
2. What does the word, **derived** in the phrase, “a name derived from the Spanish word for village” mean?
3. What is a kiva?
4. Explain what a “**receding terrace**” is.



The coyote resembles a medium sized dog with a pointed face, thick fur, and a black tipped, bushy tail. Although its main diet consists of rabbits and other rodents, it is considered dangerous to livestock. Consequently, thousands of coyotes are killed yearly. In recent years, nonlethal techniques have been developed to protect sheep and other livestock while allowing the coyote to remain in the wild.

1. **Nonlethal** techniques are those that:
a-are dangerous to livestock
b-injure thousands of coyotes yearly
c-allow livestock to live in the wild
d-are not deadly to wild animals

2. If you **resemble** someone you _____. Who do you resemble?

3. What does your diet mainly **consist** of?

Read these sentences with “take” idioms and tell what you think it means.

1. Don’t **take this personally**, but you really need a haircut. Would you ever say this to someone?
2. Jeff **took my criticism to heart** and made an honest effort to improve. When people criticize you, does it insult you or make you want to try harder?
3. Jim is known for telling whoppers. When he tells you a story, you should **take it with a grain of salt**. Do you know people who wildly exaggerate stories or even lie about what happened to make the story better? Do you call them on it? That is, do you say, “I don’t believe you.”

4. If you **take stock** of something, you make an appraisal of resources and potential. Give an example of this phrase in a sentence.
5. Kristen is totally out of control. Someone must **take the bull by the horns** and address her behavior issues. Are you a person who takes the bull by the horns, or do you prefer to wait and let others handle difficult situations?
6. Rob, that dinner really **takes the cake**. It was not only served beautifully, but it was delicious. Use this idiom in a sentence.
7. Citizens shouldn't **take the law into their own hands**. Is there ever a time citizens are justified in taking the law into their own hands?
8. Because I knew you were arriving late, I **took the liberty** of securing a hotel room for you. In this case, **took the liberty** is positive. The person assumed a right that wasn't theirs in order to be helpful. But if someone **takes liberties** with you, it is negative. It means to act too freely with someone in a way that shows disrespect. EX: He **took liberties** with her by publishing photos she had taken without first getting her permission. She **took liberties** with the elder patients by addressing them by their first names. She wouldn't ride in a taxi alone with Tim for fear he would **take liberties** with her. Last time they were alone in her office, he tried to kiss her. What should you do if someone **takes liberties** with you?
9. She looked so different after her makeover that we did a **double take** when we first saw her.
10. Belle broke the rules again when she invited a client to dinner. The boss doesn't like the employees fraternizing after hours with the clients. This is the fourth or fifth time she's broken the rules. I don't think the boss will **take it lightly**. Should this woman be disciplined or should she be fired?
11. They were being arrogant, talking about their huge homes and fancy cars until they realized that Ben is a billionaire. When I explained that he owned a major computer company, they were shocked. They hadn't realized that they were not well off compared to him. That really **took the wind out of their sails**.
12. John said exactly what I wanted to say. He **took the words right out of my mouth**. We often think alike. Do you have a friend like this?
13. Ann tends to **take too much on**. Then she isn't able to complete the projects on time, which makes everyone mad. She really **bites off more than she can chew**.
14. The wild dogs **took to their heels** after Tim started throwing rocks at them.
15. Sara's mom was afraid she was **taking up with the wrong crowd**. Have you ever taken up with the wrong crowd? Have your kids?